

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: As a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's First Coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. It is a season of hope. The "Gloria" is omitted during Advent. By reserving the Gloria for the festive season of Christmas, the Liturgy emphasizes Advent's character as a season of anticipation. Soon after Advent begins, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Andrew on November 30th. As a former follower of St. John the Baptist, the Apostle Andrew makes an excellent Advent Saint. He is also a martyr. Saint Francis Xavier, the 16th Century Jesuit Missionary to India and Japan, is remembered with an obligatory memorial on December 3rd. Thus, the first week of Advent ends with a reminder of the Gospel mandate to announce the Good News to all nations.

POLISH MASS

This Sunday, November 27th, 3:00pm, and every last Sunday of each Month.

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 3	5:00	Stonick/Parkin
Dec. 4	8:00	Baldemors
	9:30	Scolamieri/Cowan
	11:00	White/Hayes
	12:30	Mendez/Roberts

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 3	5:00	Boessow/Killian—Hoffman/Hoehne
Dec. 4	8:00	Terris—Keller/Dahl/Carroll
	9:30	Therrell/Griffith—Team 1
	11:00	Thompson/Bauch—Team 1
	12:30	Hanley/Arnold—Serhan/Hanley

THE ADVENT WREATH



The circular shape of the Advent Wreath tells us of God's unending love for us. The evergreen branches symbolize God's promise of eternal life with Him. The increasing light of the candles each week is to remind us that Jesus' coming is getting nearer and nearer. The light itself is a symbol of Jesus Christ.

ADVENT PAMPHLETS

We have available in the Vestibule of the Church an assortment of Advent pamphlets. Some of the titles you will find: Mini-meditations for Advent; O Radiant Dawn; Praying with Scripture during Advent; Season of Hope; Advent and Me; and many others. Also, you will find some folded leaflets entitled "Advent Prayers for Busy People" - Advent Wreath Prayers that you can pray together as a family.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd Angelo Grospe and Mona Lisa Perez

FIRST FRIDAY

Next Friday, December 2
Holy Hour 7:00-8:00am, Confessions 7:15-8:45am.



FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Bernie Rollinger, Shirley Wood, Pat Schuck, Lucy Svimonoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, Chris Shulberg, Larry Sauter, John Swanson, Francesco Marinetti, Fabio Marinetti, Jean Torpey, Sandra Shadden, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, and MaryAna Finks.



First Sunday of Advent November 27th, 2005

Be Watchful! Be Alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

- Mark 13:33

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE Long Beach Chorale—Sunday, December 4th, 3:00pm, in the Social Hall. Happy Hour, food, holiday desserts and coffee—\$22.00 (includes raffle ticket for the centerpiece). For reservations, please contact Judy Houston (562)434-5011).

ANNUAL SEE'S CANDY CHRISTMAS SALE

Take the stress out of Christmas and shop with us. Order forms can be found in the Vestibule and the entrance to the Chapel, as well as in the Social Hall. Please place the forms in the designated bags. Orders will be taken up to December 11th, and pick-up will be after all Masses on Sunday, December 18th. For more information, please call: Carolyn Mackprang (562)594-0460; or, Pam O'Leary (562)433-7565.

ANNUAL ST. BART'S ORNAMENT SALE

Our Community Group will begin selling the annual St. Bart's Christmas Ornament this week-end at all the Masses—Sat. after Mass in the Vestibule, and Sunday after all Masses in the Social Hall. This year the proceeds from the sale of these ornaments will be used to purchase pillows (and pillowcases), blankets, and a tote-bag for homeless children that attend the school connected to Christian Outreach Appeal. The ornaments will also be for sale in the Vestibule on Sat. Nov. 26th and Dec. 3rd, and in the Social Hall on Sunday Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th, after all the masses. Additional copies of last year's ornament are also available.

LECTOR ENRICHMENT DAY

Saturday, December 10th, 9am-2pm, Ballroom at the Center at Cathedral Plaza, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W. Temple, Los Angeles. The presenter will be Rev. J. Patrick Mullen, and the class provides scriptural based spirituality and formation for those who proclaim the Word. To register, please call the Rectory. Deadline to register is December 1st.

GIVING TREE and NEW LIFE BEGINNINGS FOOD DRIVE



For years, St. Bart's has hosted a very successful Food Drive for New Life Beginnings (NLB), the home for mothers-to-be and children in crisis, run by Rebecca Younger, here in Long Beach. For the past 5 years, we have combined the Food Drive with a Giving Tree. It has been a roaring success! Here's how it works: The Giving Tree/Food Drive will run through Advent from Nov. 26th to Dec. 18th. There are TWO Christmas trees, one in the Vestibule and one in the Hall. Both have many types of paper ornaments, covering a wide range of gift ideas. Pay special attention to the angel ornaments since they represent the dearest wish of a child (or mother) currently in Rebecca's care. Only these items (since they will be given as presents) should be gift-wrapped. The original angel ornament MUST be attached to the gift so NLB knows who it is for and what it contains. Under each tree are wish-lists of needed grocery items, should you wish to fill a bag or three from the store. Please return all items to the HALL by Sunday, Dec. 18th. Questions? Call Alison Cameron (438-4032) or Christine Woznicki (987-0216). Thank you for your overwhelming support in the past years. Let's see if we can outdo ourselves this year.

HOW CAN WE AS A COMMUNITY HELP THE NEEDY?

On Sat. Dec. 10th, at 6:00pm, a group of volunteers from the RCIA, the Community Group, and students from St. John Bosco High School, will be hosting a "FREE" Mexican Dinner in the Social Hall (after 5pm Mass). All we ask is for a donation to go towards a Holiday Party at St. John Bosco High School for needy children and their families. This party will be held on Dec. 17th. Your donation at the dinner will benefit children from the Long Beach area as well as surrounding LA areas. The children will not only get to attend a great party but will also receive Christmas gifts as well. As this is the season of thanksgiving and reflection, let us be the light of Christ to those in need. Please RSVP by Dec. 5th to (562)596-1091. If you leave a message, please indicate how many will attend.